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EXPEDITED PROCEDURES REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1771  
PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Akihiro HIKICHI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1771
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Application No.: 09/901,722	)	Examiner: N.L. Torres-Velazquez
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Filed: July 11, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 7732
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For: NON-ASBESTOS FRICTION MATERIAL	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

This Reply is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2005, the period for response having been extended by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin one page 2.

**Arguments/Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.